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- Affinity Health Plan was fined \$1,215,780 after a 2010 investigation uncovered they failed to erase the electronic protected health information of 344,579 individuals that was stored on a leased photocopier's hard drives before returning it. – *Healthcare IT News* (See item [25](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *August 14, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Chemical leak at ConocoPhillips cleared, traffic returns to normal.** Four employees were transported to the hospital after a chemical leak at the ConocoPhillips campus in west Houston August 14. One building was evacuated for several hours while officials investigated and cleaned up the spill, which appeared to be a chlorine-based liquid that spilled in the pool area.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Drivers-warned-to-avoid-area-after-chemical-leak-4732266.php>
2. *August 14, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Airgas cited following May fire that hurt two.** Airgas Inc. was cited for 6 violations and proposed fines totaling \$19,000 after an investigation following a May 13 fire at their Putnam County facility where two workers were hurt in an explosion. The company appealed the citations.
Source: <http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201308140076>
3. *August 14, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming oil and gas commissioners to Chesapeake: Less gas flaring, more pipelines.** Chesapeake Energy Corp's request to continue burning off natural gas from 5 oil wells near Douglas was approved by the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission August 13 after plans to build a pipeline for the area were abandoned.
Source: http://trib.com/business/energy/wyoming-oil-and-gas-commissioners-to-chesapeake-less-gas-flaring/article_a6de8b55-4283-5760-93c2-6d0fd41c6a36.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 15, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Valdosta explosion identities released.** Four people were transported to the hospital August 14 after a fire at the Per-Fix Environmental Services plant in Valdosta. Officials are investigating the cause of the explosions that caused significant damage to the facility.
Source: <http://www.wflx.com/story/23137707/massive-industrial-fire>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *August 15, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. nuclear plant unit operating again.** The Unit 3 reactor at the Millstone Power Station in Waterford returned to service August 14 after it was shut down August 9 due to a drop in cooling water caused by a malfunction.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/08/15/5653069/conn-nuclear-plant-unit-operating.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *August 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Philips Lighting recalls Endura and Ambient LED bulbs due to shock hazard.** Philips Lighting announced a recall of about 99,000 Endura and Ambient LED light bulbs due to a lead wire in the bulb having an improper fitting which can electrify the lamp and create a shock hazard.

Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Philips-Lighting-Recalls-Endura-and-Ambient-LED-Bulbs/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *August 14, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. charges two ex-JPMorgan bankers over ‘London Whale’ loss.** U.S. authorities charged two former JPMorgan Chase & Co. employees with wire fraud and conspiracy to falsify records for their alleged role in attempting to hide hundreds of millions of dollars in losses during a 2012 scandal that cost the bank \$6.2 billion.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/14/us-jpm-whale-charges-idUSBRE97D0QU20130814>

8. *August 15, KION 46 Salinas* – (California) **Central Coast Bandit linked to 6th bank robbery.** The robbery of a Pacific Western Bank branch in Pismo Beach August 15 was linked to the “Central Coast Bandit,” the suspect’s sixth bank robbery.

Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/story/23141240/central-coast-bandit-linked-to-6th-bank-robbery>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *August 15, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **U.S. 281 southbound lanes at**

Henderson Pass closed for now. U.S. 281 southbound at Loop 1604 closed August 14 after an 18-wheeler crashed into a bridge at Henderson Pass in San Antonio. According to the Texas Department of Transportation the road will likely remain shut down until August 16.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Big-rig-strikes-U-S-281-overpass-lanes-closed-4732343.php>

10. *August 15, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Overtaken truck closes Route 30 Bypass in Coatesville.** An overturned tractor-trailer closed a portion of the Route 30 Bypass in both directions in Coatesville, Pennsylvania for several hours August 15.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9206907>
11. *August 15, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **M-53 southbound at 22 Mile reopened after fatal accident.** Two people died in a fatal accident that closed M-53 southbound at 22 Mile Road in Shelby Township for several hours August 14.
Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/m-53-southbound-closed-at-22-mile-after-fatal-accident>
12. *August 14, Folsom Telegraph* – (California) **Avoid Folsom Blvd/Hwy 50 for the next 2 hours due to traffic accident, some roads closed.** An accident closed Southbound Folsom Boulevard between Blue Ravine Road and Highway 50 in Folsom for 2 hours August 14.
Source: <http://www.folsomtelegraph.com/article/avoid-folsom-blvd-hwy-50-next-2-hours-due-traffic-accident-some-roads-closed>
13. *August 14, Moriches Daily* – (New York) **Cement truck driver dies in Sunrise Highway crash near Nicolls Road.** One person died in a fatal accident involving an overturned cement truck that closed Sunrise Highway eastbound in Bayport for several hours August 14.
Source: <http://morichesdaily.com/2013/08/cement-truck-driver-dies-sunrise-highway-crash-nicolls-road/>
14. *August 14, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Driver killed in big-rig accident on Pacific Coast Highway.** One person was killed in a fatal accident involving a big-rig that closed eastbound lanes of the Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach for several hours August 14.
Source: <http://belmontshore.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/driver-killed-in-bigrig-accident-on-pacific-coast-highway>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *August 15, Food Safety News* – (Arizona) **Expanding Arizona E. coli outbreak sickens 68, hospitalizes 23; 2 HUS.** According to the Maricopa County Health Department the total number of people sickened by an E. coli outbreak involving Federico's Mexican Restaurant in Litchfield Park, rose to 68 August 12, including two

- people who were hospitalized with Hemolytic-uremic syndrome cases.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/arizona-e-coli-outbreak-continues-to-expand/#.Ug0HAJK1Fg0>
16. *August 15, Food Safety News* – (Iowa) **Still no lead on 31 rare Salmonella illnesses in Iowa.** Investigators are still determining the source of an outbreak involving a rare strain of Salmonella Enteritidis that has sickened at least 31 people in 19 counties in Iowa and dismissed earlier claims connecting the source to chicken or eggs.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/still-no-lead-on-31-rare-salmonella-illnesses-in-iowa/>
 17. *August 14, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Kansas) **Abilene Products Co., Inc., agrees to \$90,660 settlement for violations of Clean Air Act at Abilene, Kan., fertilizer facility.** Kansas-based Abilene Products Company, Inc. agreed to pay a \$15,290 civil penalty to settle alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at its fertilizer facility in Abilene. As part of its settlement agreement the company will spend an additional \$75,370 to complete a supplemental environmental project.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/8bb676093b7826ff85257bc7006b3e4c?OpenDocument>
 18. *August 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Fruit fly quarantine in Orange, LA counties.** California officials declared an oriental fruit fly quarantine in a 130-mile zone of Orange and Los Angeles counties and will treat impacted areas with pesticides. The fruit fly is known to target more than 230 types of fruit, vegetables, and plants.
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/Fruit-fly-quarantine-in-Orange-LA-counties-219622601.html>
 19. *August 14, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **Georgia's Greg Sikes Farm cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA for grain bin safety hazards; more than \$127,000 in fines proposed.** Greg Sikes LLC, doing business as Greg Sikes Farm LLC, was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration with two willful and five serious safety violations after a February inspection at their Brooklet farm uncovered several issues. The administration proposed penalties of \$127,400.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24543
 20. *August 13, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **Pittsburgh chocolate manufacturer cited by US Labor Department's OSHA for hazardous energy control, safety violations following employee accident.** Tsudis Chocolate Co. Inc. was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 19 alleged safety violations at its Pittsburgh manufacturing facility after an investigation was conducted when an employee sustained crushing injuries because a machine inadvertently activated. The administration proposed penalties

totaling \$87,260.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24522

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *August 14, Fayette Citizen* – (Georgia) **South Fayette water plant back online; manganese problem fixed.** The South Fayette Water Treatment Plant, which was shut down August 6 after high levels of manganese were discovered in lab testing, began producing safe-to-drink water August 14 after Fayette County officials and environmental regulators reported the water was brought into compliance with State regulations.
Source: <http://www.thecitizen.com/articles/08-14-2013/south-fayette-water-plant-back-online-manganese-problem-fixed>
22. *August 14, Dundalk Patch* – (Maryland) **Baltimore approves \$263M for improvements at Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant.** The city of Baltimore's spending board approved \$263.5 million in improvements to the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant which will reduce nutrients which contribute to algae blooms and fish kills.
Source: <http://dundalk.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/baltimore-approves-263m-for-improvements-at-back-river-wastewater-treatment-plant>
23. *August 14, WBND-LP 57 South Bend* – (Michigan) **Water at South Beach contaminated with E. Coli.** Michigan officials planned to test Lake Michigan's water at South Beach the week of August 12 after high levels of E. coli were discovered and the beach shut down. Signs warning the public were posted.
Source: <http://www.abc57.com/home/top-stories/South-Havens-South-Beach-still-off-limits-to-swimmers-219624671.html>
24. *August 14, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Fecal contamination closes Northwest beaches.** The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department closed Dash Point and Pier beaches in Tacoma August 14 after abnormally high levels of fecal contamination were discovered. The Health Department plans to conduct tests until the water is safe for swimmers and waders and posted signs warning the public.
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/high-levels-fecal-contamination-keep-beach-goers-off-nZPd/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

25. *August 14, Healthcare IT News* – (National) **At \$1.2M, photocopy breach proves costly.** New York-based Affinity Health Plan settled with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for \$1,215,780 after a photocopier containing patient

information was compromised. A 2010 investigation uncovered Affinity Health Plan failed to incorporate the electronic protected health information stored on photocopier hard drives after nearly 344,579 individuals were potentially impacted when the company leased a photocopier, stored confidential medical information on its hard drive, and failed to erase the data after returning it.

Source: <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/12m-photocopy-breach-proves-costly>

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *August 15, Idaho Statesmen* – (Idaho) **Idaho's Elk Complex fire burns homes at Fall Creek.** Firefighters continued to battle the nearly 112,000-acre Elk Complex Fire in Idaho as the number of structures destroyed rose to 81 by August 13.
Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2013/08/15/2706843/damage-assessment-from-elk-complex.html>
27. *August 15, Lacey Patch* – (New Jersey) **Storm damage closes social services building after busiest month ever.** A lightning strike August 13 forced the indefinite closure of the Ocean County Social Services Department in New Jersey until repairs can be made. Employees were temporarily moved to other offices in nearby counties.
Source: http://lacey.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/storm-damage-closes-social-services-building-after-busiest-month-ever_603e7113
28. *August 15, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Hundreds of dead fish found in pond at National Mall.** National Park Service crews will test the water and algae levels at the Constitution Gardens pond in the National Mall August 15 after roughly 1,000 dead fish were found floating in the pond. Officials claimed the number is not unusual for the pond due to the construction and design of the area.
Source: http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Hundreds-of-Fish-Dead--219705881.html?_osource=SocialFlowTwt_DCBBrand
29. *August 14, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland) **Fire at Army lab under construction on Fort Detrick.** Two construction workers were transported to the hospital for minor injuries after a fire at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases on Fort Detrick August 14. Cleanup continued for several hours and the building is still on schedule for completion in 2014.
Source: http://www.fredericknewspost.com/locations/local/frederick_county/fort_detrick/article_b0549b30-0513-11e3-9133-001a4bcf6878.html
30. *August 14, KLFY 10 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Fire and vandalism cancels first day of school.** Classes were cancelled August 14 at South Rayne Elementary in Louisiana after a fire and possible vandalism damaged the building and equipment inside. Officials are investigating the incident and will reopen the school August 15.
Source: <http://www.klfy.com/story/23139927/fire-and-vandalism-cancels-first-day-of->

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31. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Destructive Utah wildfire threatens hundreds of homes outside ski resort town of Park City.** Crews reached 25 percent containment August 14 of the 2,000-acre wildfire burning near Wanship, Utah. Fourteen homes were destroyed while 20 outbuildings and several vehicles and boats were damaged.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/destructive-utah-wildfire-threatens-hundreds-of-homes-outside-ski-resort-town-of-park-city/2013/08/14/e1b7fca8-0559-11e3-bfc5-406b928603b2_story.html

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *August 14, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Burglar targets Winooski fire station.** Authorities are searching for a thief that broke into a fire station in Winooski and stole communication radios worth \$3,000 August 13.
Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/23140042/burglar-targets-winooski-fire-station>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *August 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Frutas RAT used in targeted attacks against high-profile companies in Asia and Europe.** Researchers at Symantec identified a cybercriminal campaign targeting high-profile Asian and European organizations in the mining, finance, telecoms, and government sectors that utilizes the Frutas remote access trojan (RAT) to collect information for future targeted attacks.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Frutas-RAT-Used-in-Targeted-Attacks-Against-High-Profile-Companies-in-Asia-and-Europe-375589.shtml>
34. *August 15, Softpedia* – (International) **ZeuS variant uses infected systems to check for availability of Instagram usernames.** Researchers at RSA discovered a variant of the Zeus malware that infects computers and can then run search engine queries, check the availability of Instagram account names for use in selling fake followers, and automatically ‘like’ photos on Instagram.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ZeuS-Variant-Uses-Infected-Systems-to-Check-for-Availability-of-Instagram-Usernames-375775.shtml>
35. *August 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Google releases patch for Android flaw that can be exploited for Bitcoin wallet theft.** Google released a patch that closes an Android vulnerability in the SecureRandom class implementation that could be used to compromise Bitcoin wallets.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Releases-Patch-for-Android-Flaw-That-Can-Be-Exploited-for-Bitcoin-Wallet-Theft-375610.shtml>

36. *August 14, Bloomberg News* – (International) **New York Times website back online after ‘internal issue.’** The Web site and email systems of the New York Times experienced an outage of more than 2 hours August 14 due to an internal server malfunction.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-14/new-york-times-site-goes-down-amid-technical-difficulties-1-.html>

37. *August 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Chinese hackers develop automated tools to exploit Apache Struts vulnerabilities.** Trend Micro researchers found that Chinese hackers created tools for use against vulnerabilities in Apache Struts that were recently closed in the latest Struts update.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chinese-Hackers-Develop-Automated-Tools-to-Exploit-Apache-Struts-Vulnerabilities-375550.shtml>

38. *August 14, SC Magazine* – (International) **New ransomware threat “Browlock” freezes computers and demands payment.** Researchers at F-Secure identified a new ransomware called Browlock being used against users in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K and originating on a server in Russia.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/new-ransomware-threat-browlock-freezes-computers-and-demands-payment/article/307423/>

39. *August 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft yanks troublesome Exchange security patch.** Microsoft withdrew a security update for Exchange Server 2013 after it caused installation and access issues for users.

Source: https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9241641/Microsoft_yanks_troublesome_Exchange_security_patch

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *August 15, Grand Blanc View* – (Michigan) **Township police nab copper theft duo.** Two Grand Blanc men were arrested August 9 on suspicion of hundreds of thousands of dollars in copper thefts from outdoor lighting fixtures from businesses and schools in the township, causing more than \$35,000 in damages to the schools.
Source: http://grandblancview.mihomepaper.com/news/2013-08-15/News/Township_police_nab_copper_theft_duo.html
41. *August 14, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Apartment fire forces 2 residents to jump out windows in southwest Philadelphia.** Philadelphia fire marshals are investigating a number of fires that started at a southwest Philadelphia apartment building, including a third fire August 14 that resulted in two residents being injured after jumping from their windows. The fires are believed to have been set intentionally.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/08/14/breaking-firefighters-battling-blaze-in-kingsessing/>
42. *August 14, NBC News* – (Hawaii) **Tourist loses arm in apparent shark attack off Maui beach.** Two miles of beaches were closed following an August 14 shark attack at Palauea Beach that resulted in a German tourist losing her arm.
Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/08/15/20035336-tourist-loses-arm-in-apparent-shark-attack-off-maui-beach?lite>

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Dams Sector

43. *August 13, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Broken levee causes more flooding in Scott County.** Heavy rainfall August 13 flooded a Y City Arkansas neighborhood due to a lack of flood protection after a levee collapses May 31.
Source: <http://www.thv11.com/news/article/275763/2/Broken-levee-causes-more-flooding-in-Scott-County>

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